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URBAN DISTRICT OF AMBLESIDE.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Ambleside.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report for the year 1921, prepared in accordance with your instructions and those of the Ministry of Health.

Last year I expressed the hope that the Census of 1921 would facilitate the correct compilation of Statistics and Rates, but the circumstances under which this had to be taken leaves considerable doubt as to whether the figures arrived at represent the normal local population.

I wish to express my indebtedness to your Officials for their continued courtesies, but especially to the Sanitary Inspector for his excellent services and for his assistance in much of the statistical portion of this report.

The members of the Medical Profession have afforded me much help in my general duties, and my heartiest thanks are offered to them.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. BARON COCKILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

March 27th, 1922.

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1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	4,425
Population (Census 1921)	2,878
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1921)	} Not available.				
Number of families, or separate occupiers (Census 1921)					
Rateable Value—					
(a) Poor Rate	...	...	...	£20,738	10 0
(b) General District Rate	...	...	...	£18,950	11 6
Sum represented by a penny rate—					
(a) Poor Rate	...	...	...	£79	0 0
(b) General District Rate	...	...	...	£77	0 0

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Males.		Females.		Total.
Births (Legitimate)	...	17	...	10	...	27
„ (Illegitimate)	...	1	...	—	...	1
	Birth Rate (R.G.)	...	12.1.			
Deaths	...	...		...	...	30
	Death Rate (R.G.)	...	13.4.			

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :—

From Sepsis	...	...	...	...	0
„ Other causes	...	...	...	...	2

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births :—

Legitimate	...	...	...	...	0
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	0
					—
	Total ...	...	...	...	0
					—

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	0
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	0

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year.

There were no cases of deaths from Tuberculosis where the disease had not previously been notified.

The notification of known cases of Tuberculosis has invariably been carried out.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... Nil.

4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There have been no specially noteworthy causes of Sickness or Invalidity in the District.

5. SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Professional Nursing in the Home :—

(a) General ... District Nursing Association.

(b) Infectious Disease, e.g.,
Measles, etc. ... „ „ „

District Nursing Associations are voluntary organisations receiving grants in aid from the County Council.

Midwives.

There are no practising Midwives in the District.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Tuberculosis Dispensary at Kendal.

Travelling School, Dental Clinic.

Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by the Local Authority, or by the County Council.

Hospital.	Situation.	Accommodation.
Tuberculosis ...	... Meathop, Grange-over-Sands	... 150 Beds.
Maternity and Children	... Nil.	
Fever ...	... The Sanatorium, Kendal	... 46 Beds.
Small-pox ...	... Woodside, Nr. Kendal	... 50 Beds.
Ethel Hedley Hospital School (Orthopædic) ...	... Calgarth, Windermere	... 30 Beds.
Venereal Disease ...	... North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.	

The Westmorland County Hospital contains 50 beds, available for all Non-infectious Medical, Surgical, and abnormal Mid-wifery cases. It is supported by voluntary contributions.

Ambulance Facilities—

- (a) Infectious cases—Removed by the Kendal Ambulance.
- (b) Non-Infectious cases—St. John Ambulance Brigade.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

The Combined Districts of Westmorland have provided Laboratories at Kendal, to which any Practitioner may send specimens for examination. Sputum is also examined at Meathop Sanatorium.

The following have been done for the Urban District of Ambleside :—

Diphtheria	...	...	...	14
Malaria	...	...	...	7
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	2
Gonococcus	...	...	...	1
				—
Total	...	...	...	24
				—

Diphtheria Antitoxin is issued free for the treatment of all necessitous cases, excepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act; also for both necessitous and insured patients for prophylactic purposes.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws and Local Regulations.

<i>Adoptive Acts.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Date of Adoption.</i>
Sanitary Clauses	Public Health Act Amendment	
Act, 1890	...	... 1891
Sanitary Clauses	Public Health Act Amendment	
Act, 1907	...	... 1908
Byelaws in force for :—		
New Streets and Buildings	...	... 1887
Slaughterhouses	...	... 1887
Prevention of Nuisances	...	... 1887
Pleasure Grounds	...	... 1887 & 1902

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT, &c.

Inspections.

These have been regularly carried out and the following nuisances discovered and abated :—

Defective Drains	...	...	...	15
Defective Water Closets	...	...	...	3
Abatement of Privies and Ashpits	...	...	...	22
Dampness	...	...	...	10
Defective Ashpits	...	...	...	1
Defective Privies	...	...	...	1
Defective Ashbins	...	...	...	1
Defective Spouts	...	...	...	2
Insufficient Ventilation and Light	...	...	...	14
Sinkstone Accommodation	...	...	...	2
Defective Gullies	...	...	...	5
Defective Paving to Scullery	...	...	...	1
Accumulation of Refuse-manure, &c.	...	...	...	9
Other Nuisances	...	...	...	5
Total ...				91

No. statutory notices were issued but informal notices in 91 cases.

Closet Accommodation.

The accommodation is as follows:—

Houses with use of water closets drained to sewers	...	542
" " " " cesspools	...	26
Houses with use of Privies drained to cesspools	...	35
" Pails " "	...	8
Total ...		611

There have been 11 conversions from Privies to Water Closets.

Regular inspection of Slaughter-houses, Dairies and Cow-sheds, Butchers' Shops and Bakehouses has been made, and the sanitary condition of all premises where food is prepared, stored, or exposed for sale, is good.

There are 2 private Slaughter-houses, which have been maintained efficiently.

Disinfection with formalin is carried out after all infectious cases.

No facilities exist for disinfection.

Communication was made with all retailers of shaving brushes drawing attention to the possibility of Anthrax infection from this source.

A pamphlet on Encephalitis Lethargica was supplied to all Medical Practitioners,

8. STAFF.

Name.	Qualification.	Offices.	Whole or Part Time.	Other Offices.	Salary contributed under P.H.A. or Exchequer Grants
W. B. Cockill	M.D., etc. D.P.H.	M.O.H.	Part	M.O.H. Combined Districts Westmorland	Yes
C. Watson	M.I.M.C.E.	Sanitary Inspector.	Part	Surveyor	Yes

2. HOUSING.

Number of new Houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total	...	...	...	Nil.
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme	...	...	...	Nil.

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

Inspection.

(1) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	45
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	...	...	...	Nil.
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	Nil.
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	16

2.—*Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices.*

Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	16
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers	Nil.
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